#### CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

Project Staff Report Tax-Exempt Bond Project October 19, 2011

Project Number CA-2011-891

**Project Name** Mid Celis Apartments

Site Address: 1422 San Fernando Road and 551 S. Kalisher Street

San Fernando, CA 91340 County: Los Angeles

Census Tract: 3203.000

Tax Credit Amounts Federal/Annual State/Total

Requested: \$321,654 \$0 Recommended: \$321,654 \$0

**Applicant Information** 

Applicant: Mid Celis Apartments, L.P.

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General partner(s) or principal owner(s): Los Angeles Housing Partnership

Abbey Road

General Partner Type: Nonprofit

Developer: Mid Celis Apartments, L.P. Investor/Consultant: Hudson Housing Capital, LLC

Management Agent: Community Housing Management Services

**Project Information** 

Construction Type: New Construction

Total # Residential Buildings: 1 Total # of Units: 20

No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 19 100% Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%

Federal Subsidy: Tax Exempt / HOME

HCD MHP Funding: No 55-Year Use/Affordability: Yes

Number of Units @ or below 50% of area median income: 19

**Bond Information** 

Issuer: Housing Authority of the County of Los Angeles

Expected Date of Issuance: 01/15/12 Credit Enhancement: None

### Information

Housing Type: Special Needs Geographic Area: Los Angeles County TCAC Project Analyst: Benjamin Schwartz

# **Unit Mix**

8 1-Bedroom Units 6 2-Bedroom Units 6 3-Bedroom Units

20 Total Units

Unit Type & Number		2011 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income	2011 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income	Proposed Rent (including utilities)
8	1 Bedroom	50%	50%	\$801
5	2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$961
6	3 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$1,110
1	2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0

**Project Financing** Residential

Estimated Total Project Cost: Construction Cost Per Square Foot: \$8,069,887 \$160 Estimated Residential Project Cost: Per Unit Cost: \$403,494 \$8,069,887

# **Construction Financing**

Construction I	Financing	Permanent Financing	
Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Wells Fargo Bank	\$4,400,000	CCRC - Tranche A (Tax Exempt)	\$780,000
LACCDC - HOME	\$2,160,000	CCRC - Tranche B (Tax Exempt)	\$410,000
Deferred Fees and Expenses	\$1,069,754	LACCDC - HOME	\$3,460,000
Tax Credit Equity	\$613,688	CALHFA - MHSA	\$525,000
		Tax Credit Equity	\$2,894,887
		TOTAL	\$8,069,887

# **Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$7,539,977
130% High Cost Adjustment:	Yes
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$9,801,970
Applicable Rate:	3.40%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$321,654
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost &	Eligible Basis): \$983,475
Investor/Consultant:	Hudson Housing Capital, LLC
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.90000

Per Regulation Section 10322(i)(4)(A), The "as if vacant" land value and the existing improvement value established at application, as well as the eligible basis amount derived from those values, will be used during all subsequent reviews including the placed in service review, for the purpose of determining the final award of Tax Credits.

Per Regulation Section 10327(c)(2)(C), Once established at the initial funded application, the developer fee cannot be increased, but may be decreased, in the event of a modification in basis.

### **Eligible Basis and Basis Limit**

Requested Unadjusted Eligible Basis: \$7,539,977
Actual Eligible Basis: \$7,539,977
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit: \$4,761,136
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit: \$9,522,272

### **Adjustments to Basis Limit:**

55-Year Use/Affordability Restriction – 1% for Each 1% of Low-Income Units are Income Targeted between 50% AMI & 36% AMI: 100%

#### **Cost Analysis and Line Item Review**

Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations. Annual operating expenses exceed the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one. Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 3.40% of the qualified basis. Applicants are cautioned to consider the expected federal rate when negotiating with investors. TCAC's financial evaluation at project completion will determine the final allocation.

### **Special Issues/Other Significant Information:** None

#### **Local Reviewing Agency:**

The Local Reviewing Agency, City of San Fernando, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

**Recommendation:** Staff recommends that the Committee make a preliminary reservation of tax credits in the following amount(s) contingent upon standard conditions and any additional conditions imposed by the Committee:

Federal Tax Credits/Annual State Tax Credits/Total \$321,654 \$0

#### **Standard Conditions**

If applicant is receiving tax-exempt bond financing from other than CalHFA, the applicant shall apply for a bond allocation from the California Debt Limit Allocation Committee's next scheduled meeting, if not previously granted an allocation; shall have received an allocation from CDLAC; and, shall issue bonds within time limits specified by CDLAC.

The applicant anticipates financing more than 50% of the project aggregate basis with tax-exempt bond proceeds as calculated by the project tax professional. Therefore, the federal credit reserved for this project will not count against the annual ceiling.

The IRS has advised TCAC that the amount of tax-exempt bonds issued, equivalent to at least 50% of aggregate basis, must remain in place through the first year of the credit period or until eligible basis is finally determined.

TCAC makes the preliminary reservation only for the project specified above in the form presented, and involving the parties referred to in the application. No changes in the development team or the project as presented will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC an allocation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. Additionally, TCAC requires the project owner to pay a monitoring fee before issuance of tax forms.

As project costs are preliminary estimates only, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit and state credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs and certified costs after the buildings are placed in service.

All unexpended funds in reserve accounts established for the project must remain with the project to be used for the benefit of the property and/or its residents, except for the portion of any accounts funded with deferred developer fees.

All fees charged to the project must be within TCAC limitations. Fees in excess of these limitations will not be considered when determining the amount of credit when the project is placed-in-service.

The applicant/owner shall be subject to underwriting criteria set forth in Section 10327 of the regulations through the final feasibility analysis performed by TCAC at placed-in-service.

Credit awards are contingent upon applicant's acceptance of any revised total project cost, qualified basis and tax credit amount determined by TCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

**Additional Conditions: None**